

CONCORDIA



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Stingers

Concordia men's rugby to take on New Brunswick champs

The QSSF champion Concordia Stingers men's rugby team will travel to Fredericton, N.B., this weekend to play a couple of games against the top university teams in New Brunswick.

On Saturday at 11 a.m., the Stingers will play the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds. The Fredericton-based team won the 1999 Atlantic championship. The following day, also at 11 a.m., the Stingers will meet the St. Thomas Tommies. The Tommies won the New Brunswick title this season and were finalists in the Atlantic championship.

The Stingers hope the cross-over games with the New Brunswick teams will lead to an Eastern Canadian championship in 2001. The elite tournament would include a host team, the Quebec champions, the winners of the OUA and an Atlantic champion. Concordia is considering take a lead role in organizing the tournament.

If an Eastern Canadian tournament works well, then the university teams will look at making a commitment to a national championship.

Coach Les Lawton at 449 wins and counting

Concordia's Les Lawton picked up his 448th and 449th victories as head coach of the Stingers with wins over the McGill Martlets and the Saint Mary's Huskies last week.

Lawton will have two chances to pick up his 450th victory at home this weekend when the Stingers host the UQTR Patriotes on Friday at 7:15 p.m. and then the Ottawa Gee-Gees on Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

Lawton, a Montreal native who has been dubbed the Dean of Women's Hockey by the local press, is in his 18th year at the helm of the Stingers. Currently, his record with the team is 449-134-54 for a winning percentage of .771. Although it is virtually impossible to check the records of every coach world-wide, we are sure he is the winningest coach in women's hockey.

With the Stingers, he won the inaugural CIAU women's ice hockey championship in 1998 and defended it in 1999. He has won 13 of 16 Quebec championships and has captured the banner at Concordia's Theresa Humes Invitational Women's Hockey Tournament, which is considered the biggest and best in North America, in each of the last seven years. Lawton was also the head coach of Team Canada in 1994 when the team defeated the U.S. 6-3 to win the gold medal at the World Championship in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Last February, the CIAU awarded a Coach of the Year Trophy for women's hockey for the first time, and Lawton was the inaugural recipient.

Xavier Renard earns All-Canadian soccer honors

Xavier Renard, a 23-year-old dynamo from Lines-les-Raches, France, was named to the CIAU second All-Canadian team at the national men's soccer championship last week.

The Masters student has had a huge impact on the Stingers since he arrived in Montreal in the fall of 1999. In his first season, the mid-fielder was a second team QSSF all-star and the Stingers' rookie of the year.

This season he returned and took control of the team. He was the second leading scorer in the QSSF with five goals and two assists in 10 games. In five of the 10 games he was chosen the MVP (by opposing coaches).

Head coach Vladimir Pavlicik says, "Xavier has superb knowledge of the game. He is our sparkplug at mid-field. He has a great scoring touch and he also continually sets up other players. He is the fittest player on our team."

Concordia Athletes of the Week

Lisa-Marie Breton of the women's hockey team and **Real Kitieu** of the men's basketball team have been named Concordia Stinger athletes of the week for the period ending Nov. 12.

Breton, a veteran left wing, was outstanding in Concordia's two victories last week. She scored three goals, including the winner, in Concordia's 5-4 win over the McGill Martlets last Wednesday. The Stingers trailed 4-2 late in the third period when Breton went to work. She made it 4-3 with 3:51 left to play. Annie Surprenant tied the game 18 seconds later, and then Breton popped in the winner, an unassisted goal, with 1:38 left to play. On Saturday, in an 8-2 win over the visiting Saint Mary's Huskies, Breton picked up a goal and an assist. A native of St. Zacharie, Que., Breton, '93, is studying in the Concordia sociology program.

Kitieu, a center, dominated the boards and the scoring in the Stingers' two weekend victories. Concordia defeated the Bishop's Gaiters 85-71 last Friday thanks to Kitieu's 15 points and 12 rebounds. The following day versus the upstart Laval Rouge et Or, Kitieu collected 13 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks. The 22-year-old native of Douala, Cameroon is studying in the economics program at Concordia.

Coming Events

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Men's Hockey	UQTR vs. Concordia	7:30 p.m.
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Friday, Nov. 17

Women's Hockey	UQTR vs. Concordia	7:15 p.m.
Men's Hockey	Concordia @ Ryerson	7:45 p.m.
Men's Basketball	RMC vs. Concordia	8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Men's Rugby	Concordia @ UNB	11 a.m.
Men's Basketball	Queen's vs. Concordia	4 p.m.
Women's Basketball	Queen's vs. Concordia	6 p.m.
Men's Hockey	Concordia @ Brock	7:30 p.m.
Wrestling (men)	@ Brock Invitational Tournament	

Sunday, Nov. 19

Men's Rugby	Concordia @ St. Thomas	11 a.m.
Women's Hockey	Ottawa vs. Concordia	1:45 p.m.

Men's Rugby (6-2 overall, 4-2 in the QSSF, 2-0 in playoffs)

No games played last week

Men's Basketball (7-2 overall, 2-0 in QSSF, No. 10 in CIAU)

Nov. 10	Concordia Stingers 85 James Aubourg Real Kitieu	Bishop's Gaiters 71 22 points, 3 rebounds 15 points, 12 rebounds
Nov. 11	Concordia Stingers 70 Real Kitieu James Aubourg	Laval Rouge et Or 58 13 points, 13 rebounds 12 points, 5 rebounds

Women's Basketball (3-7 overall, 0-2 in QSSF)

Nov. 10	Bishop's Gaiters 66 Marie-Pier Veilleux Jessica Manchester	Concordia Stingers 64 15 points, 6 rebounds 13 points, 5 rebounds
Nov. 11	Laval Rouge et Or 80 Jessica Manchester Kristina Steinfert	Concordia Stingers 48 14 points, 1 rebound 10 points, 4 rebounds

Women's Hockey (6-5-1 overall, 2-0 in QSSF, ranked No. 3 in CIAU)

Nov. 8	Concordia Stingers 5 Lisa-Marie Breton Annie Surprenant	McGill Martlets 4 3 goals 1 goal, 1 assist
Nov. 11	Concordia Stingers 8 Catherine De Abreu Annie Surprenant Anouk Grignon-L'Anglais Lisa-Marie Breton	Saint Mary's Huskies 2 1 goal, 2 assists 1 goal, 2 assists 1 goal, 2 assists 1 goal, 1 assist

Men's Hockey (6-5 overall, 4-2 in OUA)

Nov. 10	Concordia Stingers 6 Alain Charbonneau Mathieu Fleury Chris Page Sean Tilley	McGill Redmen 4 1 goal, 2 assists 1 goal, 2 assists 2 goals 2 goals
Nov. 11	Concordia Stingers 2 Patrice Roy Mathieu Fleury	Ottawa Gee-Gees 1 1 goal 1 goal

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